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ART UNIT 3775

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	
Molz IV, et al.	§	Confirmation No.: 7729
Serial No.: 10/733,554	§	Group Art Unit: 3775
Filed: December 10, 2003	§	Examiner: Swiger III, James L.
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REPLACING THE FUNCTION OF FACET JOINTS	§	Atty Dkt. No. 31132.63/PC791
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the final Office Action of January 7, 2009, entry of the following amendments and comments into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. If any additional fees are required, please charge those fees to Haynes & Boone LLP Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.

/James L. Swiger/

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